

TESTIMONY
Planning and Development Committee
Friday, March 21, 2014

**HB No 5580 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PESTICIDE
ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PRIMARY SERVICE
AREA TASK FORCE AND THE ELIMINATION OF A
MUNICIPAL MANDATE**

Good Morning

My name is Jeremy Rodorigo. I represent American Medical Response of CT. I come here today to speak against Raised Bill 5580, specifically the portion of the bill that discusses the recommendations of the State Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force.

The task force was comprised of experts from a variety of the public safety and municipal arenas. The task force unanimously agreed on 4 very significant recommendations that strengthened the current statewide EMS system. There was a 5th recommendation that was offered by the task force that was not agreed upon and became contentious. In fact, the vote was split by the various members of the committee.

The primary reason that recommendation #5 was contentious was because the implementation of the first 4 very good recommendations would in all likelihood make # 5 unnecessary. Additionally, recommendation #5 is subjective and creates a real uncertainty for the current Primary Service Area Responders here in CT.

Language similar to Recommendation #5 have been placed in this bill. Although it the language is a little different, the intent is the